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## Forward

Our third annual "postcard album" covers United Methodist Churches in Essex, Morris and Union Counties. We are pleased that we have been able to locate postcards of so many of these churches, some of which have not existed as independent congregations for many years.

This year, we also have some very interesting and unique cards. In 1912 Pastor Samuel McAdams of Lake Hopatcong sent out a Christmas card with his picture on the cover. In 1898 Trinity, Rahway, celebrated its one hundredth anniversary with a souvenir postcard. Another card pictures the laying of the cornerstone at DeGroot, Newark, in 1911. The 1912 Rally Week card from Central, Newark, is a three-fold card; and we also have a 1930 Rally Day card from Belleville. My personal favorite is a postcard of the old Verona

church after it was converted for use as a town hall and fire house. The fire trucks were parked in the sanctuary.

This series of books would not be possible without the cooperation of post card collectors, who have graciously loaned us cards from their collections. Thanks to Virginia Faulkner, Trudi Griffith, Albert Hausman, Dorothy O'Neil, Ed Olsen, Aileen and Fred Roth, Hoby Van Duesen, and Phyllis and George Van Hecke. Additional cards have been loaned to us by pastors and historians of several local churches; I am grateful to them all. Thanks also to Historical Society members Connie Brewer, Charles Brown, Robert Simpson, and Ann Flood, who helped to track down cards; and to Bill Turkowski, who gave us the idea for this series.

William T. Noll

## Introduction

The pictures in this book are all taken from picture postcards. Although postal cards were introduced in the 1870s, they did not contain pictures until 1898. With technology increasing, the publishers could transfer a photograph to the front of a card with a clear, crisp image being reproduced. Most cards of churches are black and white, but occasionally we find lithograph (colored) or hand colored, when a black and white card has color tinted on it. These are the types of commercially produced cards which appeared in the early years of this century. Until 1906 all messages were required by law to appear on the picture side. This is why so many of the early cards have writing on the front. After 1906 the back of the card was divided into two parts, one for message, the other for address.

Literally billions of cards were produced. The penny postcard was an essential of everyday life, as well as a collecting craze. Every child had an album which, before the advent of radio and television, gave a look at far away places and events. Before cars and telephones, the postcards were used for messages. If you planned to visit, you simply told your host "Arrive tomorrow on the 7:14," and you sent your message for one cent on a beautiful card. Clubs just for postcard exchange were organized. Soon people make their own cards. This was done by reproducing photographs on photographic paper. These are called real photo cards. Many local photographers would take pictures at fairs,

disasters, parades, etc. and sell them at booths or from their stores.

This postcard craze was short-lived. Most of the cards were produced in Germany and, with the advent of World War I, production decreased rapidly. The subsequent domestically produced cards were blurry and on poor quality paper. For these reasons, the bulk of our cards were produced from 1900-1914. Churches were always favorite topics with their high steeples and architectural windows. They were cards avidly sought. Since commercially produced cards were done in lots of a thousand, many have survived today. Births, weddings, and deaths were commemorated in the local church so every town and little store had cards of the local church.

When viewing the cards, try to put yourself into the time frame of early 1900, when roads were dirt, travel was by foot or wagon. There were no motion pictures, radio, or TV. The church was the center of these rural agricultural communities. Harvest Homes, Rally Days, Men's Days, Ladies Days, Epworth Leagues were eagerly awaited events. These churches served as spiritual and social centers. Amazingly, you will find that many of these churches survive. With wood frames, lighted attractive high spires, and wood or coal-burning furnaces, they almost invite calamity. Fortunately, except in a few rare cases, church boards have decided to retain the original architecture and the churches look much as they did almost a century ago.

William Turkowski

# ESSEX COUNTY

Church	Still Exists?	Owned By?	Page	Church	Still Exists?	Owned By?	Page
Belleville	x	v	4	Newark			
Bloomfield				Centenary	—	v	12
Park	x	v	5	Central	—	n,v	12-13
Watsessing	—	v	5	De Groot	—	v	14
Caldwell	x	v	3	First	—	d	15
East Orange				Franklin Ave.	x	n	15
Calvary	x	v	6	Halsey Street	—	n	15
Ferry	—	v	6	Roseville	—	o,v	16
Park Avenue	x	v	7	St. Luke's	—	v	17
Sanford St.	—	v	7	St. Matthew's	x	—	—
Fairfield	x	—	—	St. Paul's	x	v	17
Irvington	x	v	8	Trinity	x	—	—
Livingston	x	l	8	Vailsburg	—	n	18
Maplewood				Nutley	x	v	18-19
Hilton	x	v	10	Orange	x	v	20-21
Morrow				Roseland	x	v	21
Memorial	x	v	9	South Orange	x	v	22
Montclair				Verona	x	l,v	22-23
First	x	n,o,v	10-11				
St. Mark's	x	—	—				

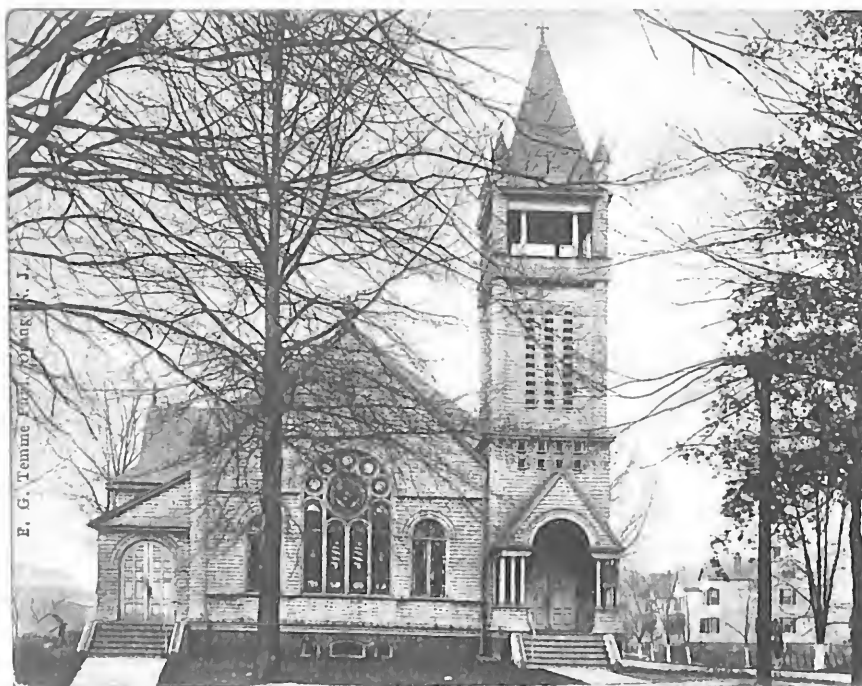
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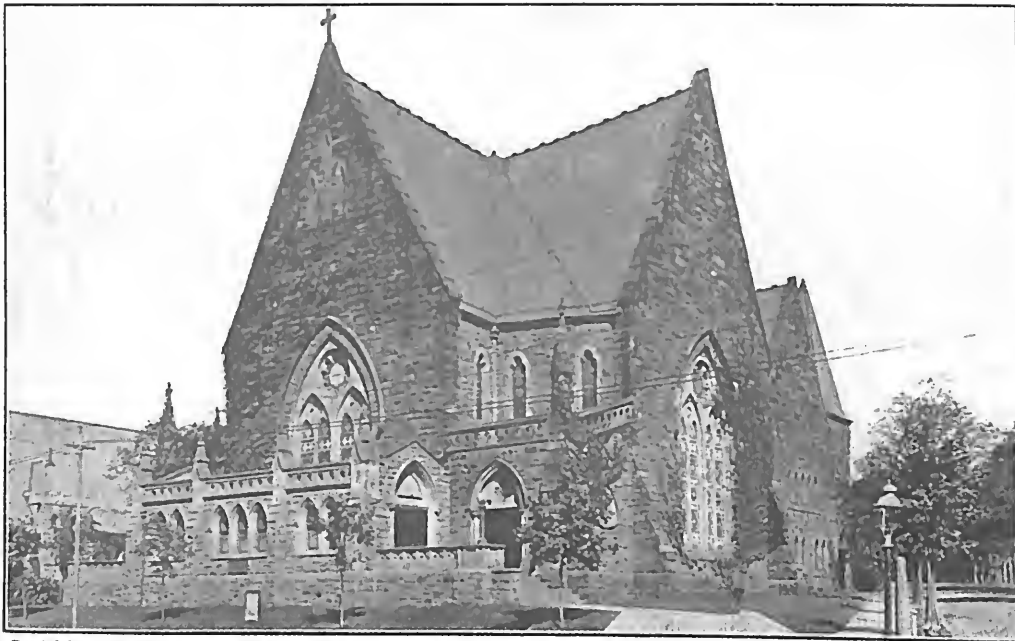


The Proposed New Edifice of  
**PARK METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
 Bloomfield, New Jersey



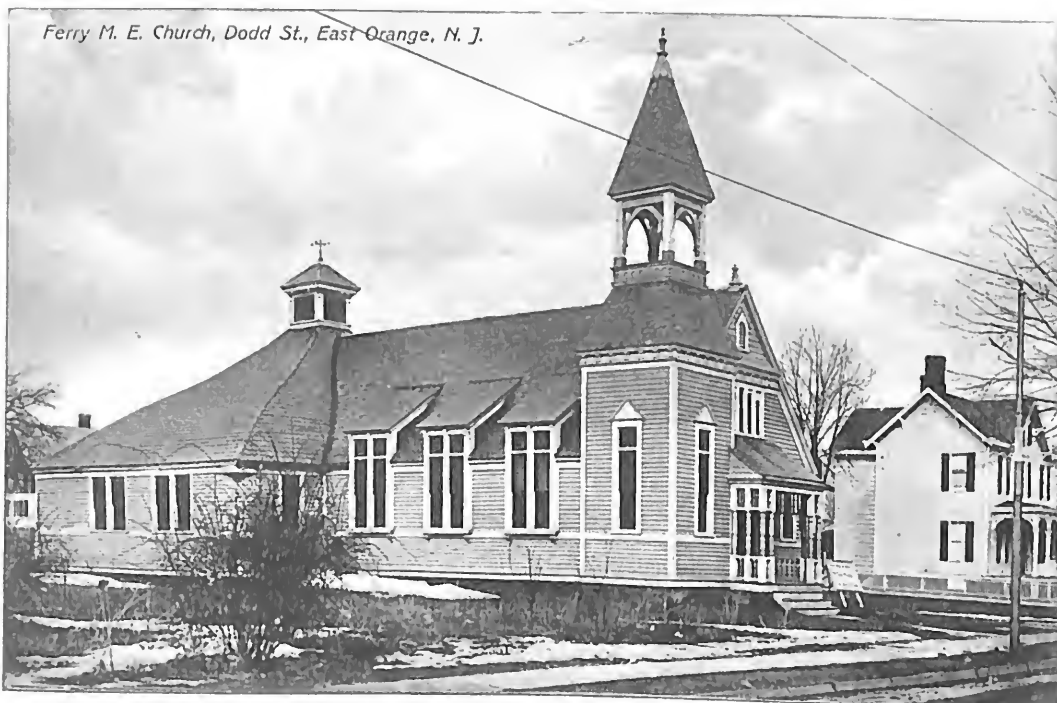
*Watsessing  
 Methodist  
 Church,  
 Bloomfield,  
 N. J.*

E. G. Tenney Photo. N. J.



CALVARY M. E. CHURCH, Main Street and Walnut Street

EAST ORANGE, N. J.

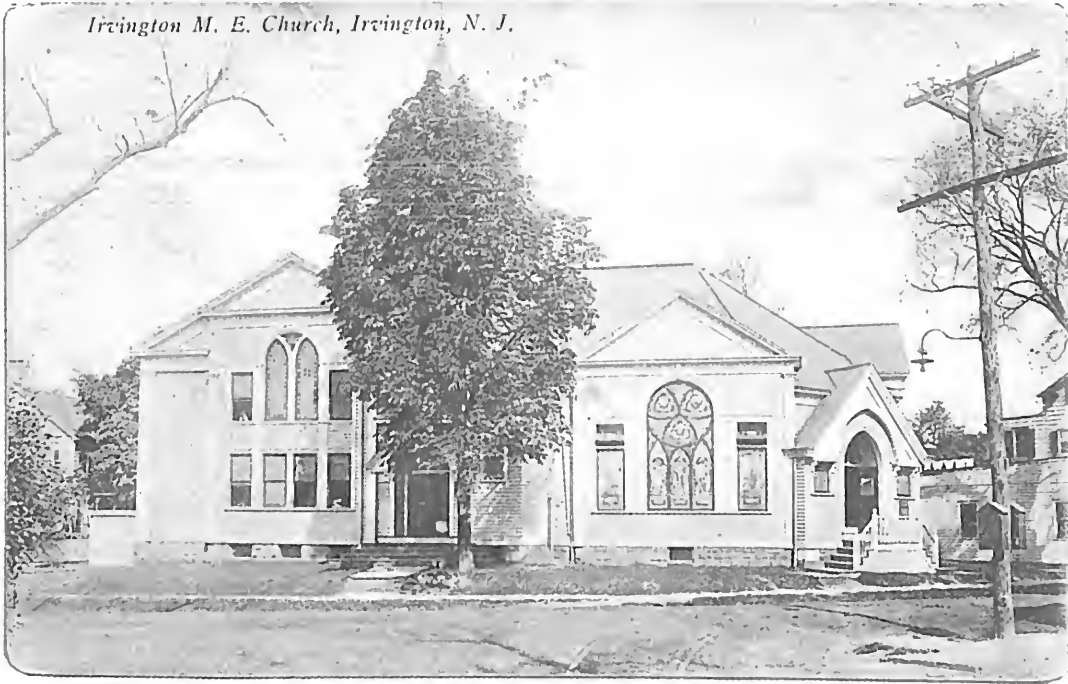


*Ferry M. E. Church, Dodd St., East Orange, N. J.*





*Irvington M. E. Church, Irvington, N. J.*

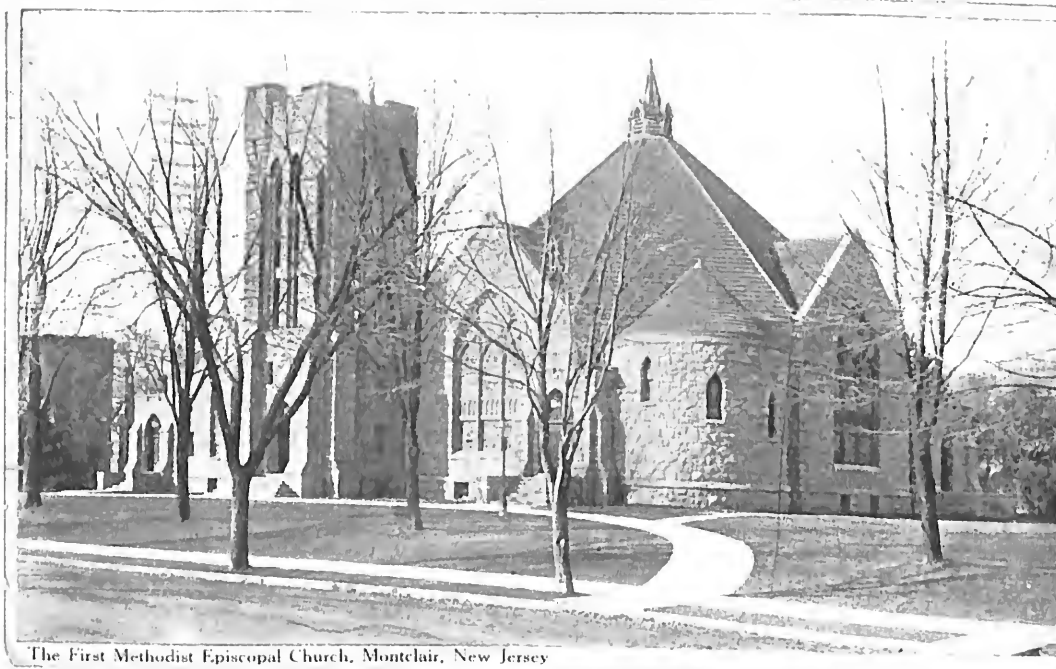


LIVINGSTON METHODIST CHURCH

LIVINGSTON, NEW JERSEY



THE NEW MARROW MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH. Maplewood, N. J





*Methodist Church, Montclair, N.J.*





Centenary Church, Newark, N. J.

*I. Church I Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> 1906  
attend. Walk-lane. Carrie.*



CENTRAL METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Newark, N. J.,

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*"HELLO! Have you heard  
about Rally Week at Cen-  
tral M. E. Sunday School?  
Yes, on Market Street.  
When? First week in Oc-  
tober. Going to be GREAT."*

**Tuesday, October 1st, 1912**  
At 8 P. M.

## Prayer Meeting

¶ When all taking part will be  
members of our Sunday School.

MR. JOSEPH ALLEN, CHAIRMAN

**Wednesday, 2nd; 7:30 p. m.**

## A PARTY FOR THE JUNIOR AND PRIMARY DEPTS

Games and things to suit everyone. A Surprise for Everyone!  
Ice Cream and Cake, too!

MRS. JULIUS GEISSLER  
Primary Chairman.

MISS CARRIE INGALSBEE  
Junior Chairman.

## Friday, 4th: Big Social Evening for Adults

### RUSTIC FESTIVAL

Come in Farmers' Attire—prizes for the two best make-ups.

Pumpkin Pies

Autumn Apples

Dainty Doughnuts

Creamy Coffee

The band will begin to play at 8:08 p. m.

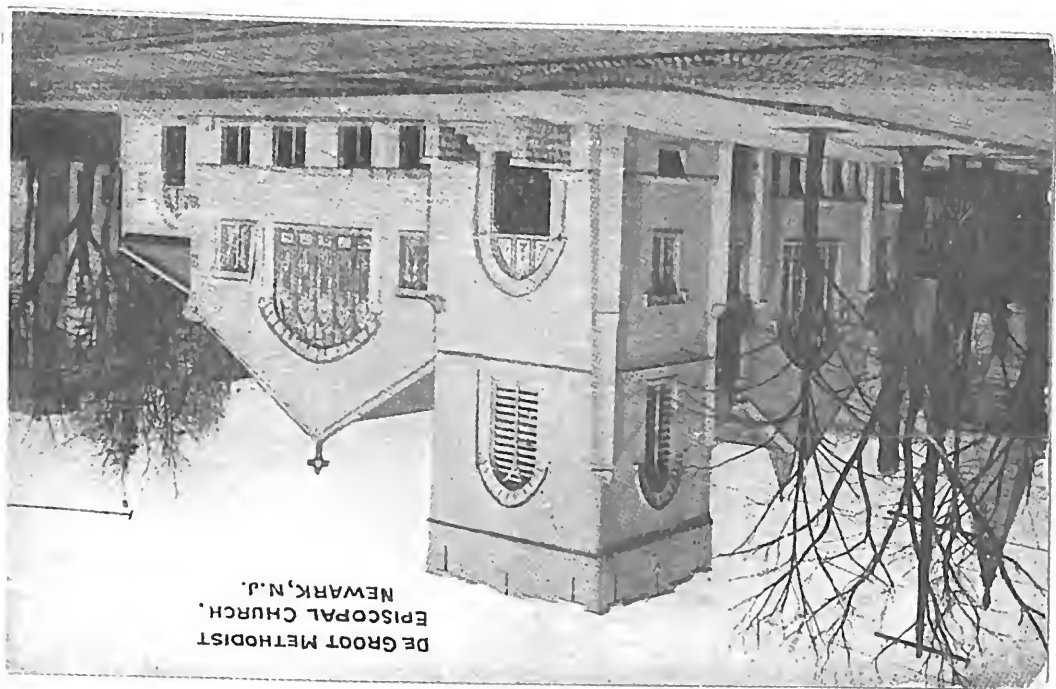
MR. FRANK RINEHART, CHAIRMAN

**Sunday, 6th; 2:30 p. m.**

Splendid Singing   Some Short Speeches by   Sunday School Superintendents   Surprise Feature SOUVENIRS

(A Good Time to Bring New Members)

MR. FREDK. G. STICKLE, JR., Chairman.



DE GROOT METHODIST  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH,  
NEWARK, N.J.



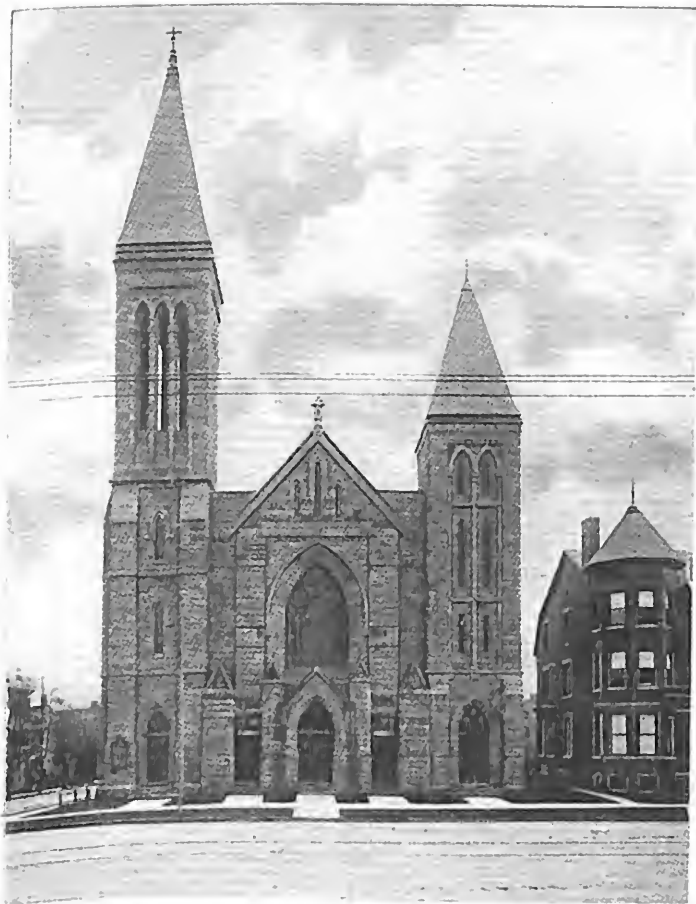






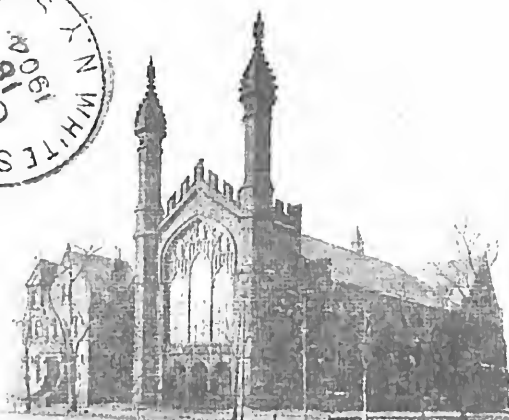
M. E. CHURCH, ROSEVILLE, N. J.





3376—St. Luke's Church, Newark, N. J.

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#### ST. PAUL'S M. E. CHURCH.

Sunday, October 9th, will be observed as Rally Day by the Church, Sunday School and Epworth League. 10.30 A. M. and 7.45 P. M., worship and preaching; 2.30 P. M., Sunday School, special program; 7.00 P. M., the Epworth League.

I hope to meet every member and friend of the Church at the morning service, every scholar in the Sunday School and every Epworthian at the League service.

Pray God to meet us in blessing and power.  
Yours in Him.

LINCOLN A. FERRIS,  
Minister.

THE PARSONAGE,  
981 Broad St.

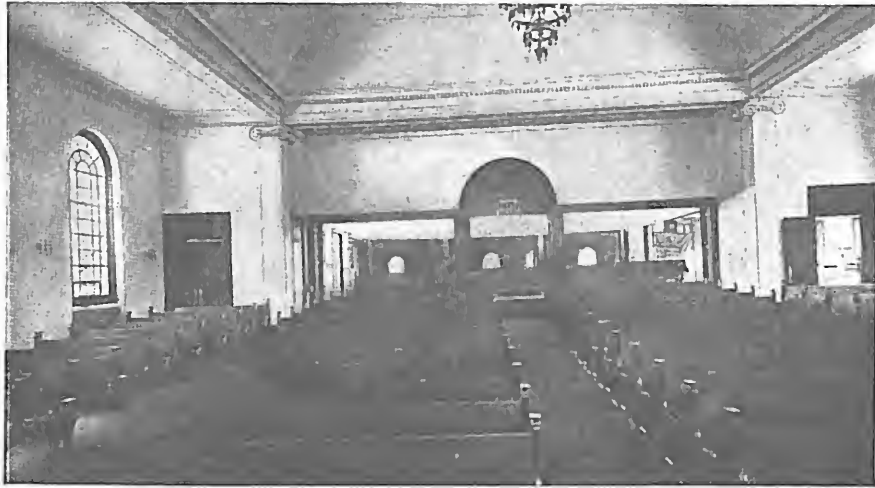
Oct. 4, 04. *L. A. Ferris*

M. E. Church, Vailsburg, Newark. N. J.



METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
NUTLEY N. J.

ILLUSTRO ENGRAVING CO. NEWARK, N. J.



VINCENT METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, NUTLEY, N. J.



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*First M. E. Church  
Orange N. J.*



Essex Card Co., Orange, N. J.

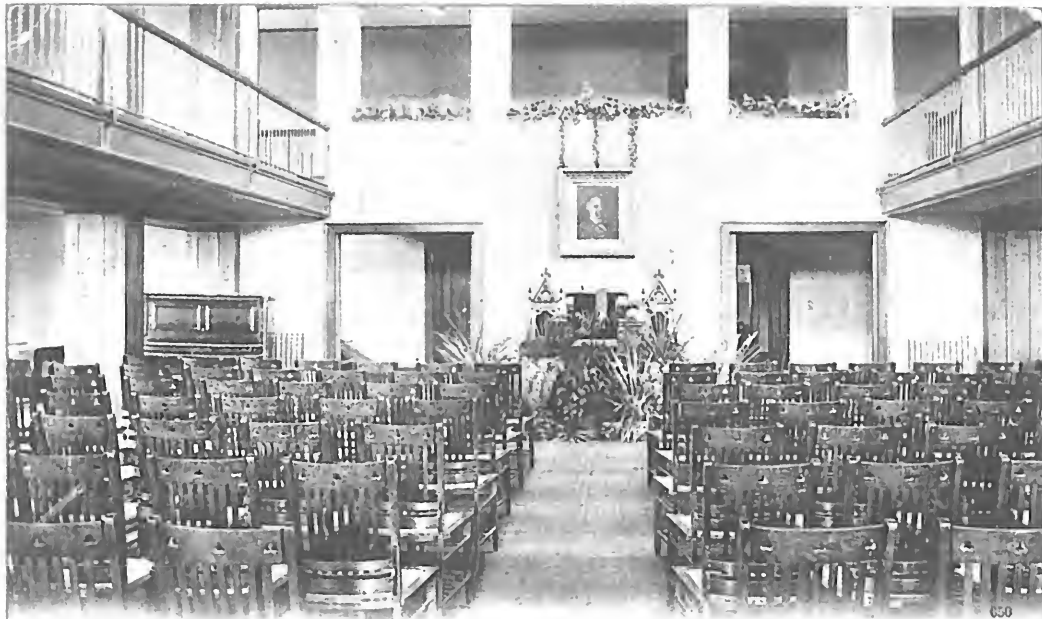


*Interior of M. E. Church, Orange, N. J.*

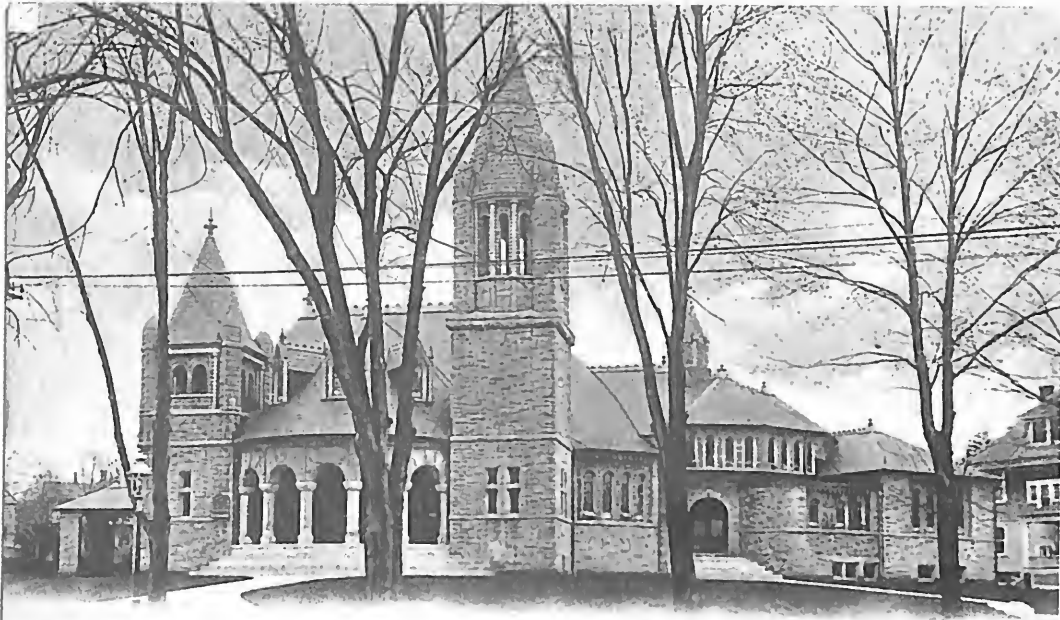
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METHODIST CHURCH, Roseland, N. J.



Miller Chapel, M. E. Church, Orange, N. J.



*First M. E. Church, South Orange, N. J.*  
WM. GLOVER, SOUTH ORANGE, N. J.

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*Verona M. E. Church, Verona, N. J.*





FIRE HEADQUARTERS AND BOROUGH HALL, VERONA, N. J.



M. E. Church, Verona, N. J.



# MORRIS COUNTY

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Boonton	x	f	24	Millbrook	x	—	—
Butler	x	f	25	Milton	x	f	33
Chatham	x	f	25	Montville	x	f	34
Chester	—	f	26	Morristown	x	f	34
Denville	x	—	—	Mount Fern	x	—	—
Dover				Mount Freedom	—	f	35
First	x	f,l	26-27	Mount Tabor	x	f	35
Grace	x	f	28	Netcong			
Swedish	—	f	28	(Stanhope)	x	n	36
Drakestown	x	f	29	New Vernon	—	f	36
Flanders	x	f	29	Parsippany	x	l	37
Green Village	x	f	30	Pine Brook	—	f	37
Hurdtown	x	n	30	Port Morris	x	f	38
Kinnelon	x	—	—	Rockaway	x	f	39
Lake Hopatcong	x	n	31	Rockaway Valley	x	l	38
Lower Berkshire				Succasunna	x	f	40
Valley	x	l	31	Teabo	x	—	—
Madison	x	f	32	Towaco	—	f	40
Drew Univ.	x	d	32	Wharton	x	f	41
Mendham	x	o	33	Whippany	—	f	41

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Methodist Church, Chester, N. J.



PARSONAGE FIRST M.E. CHURCH DOVER N. J.

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Grace M. E. Church, Dover, N. J.



Swedish Church, Dover, N. J.



M.E. CHURCH

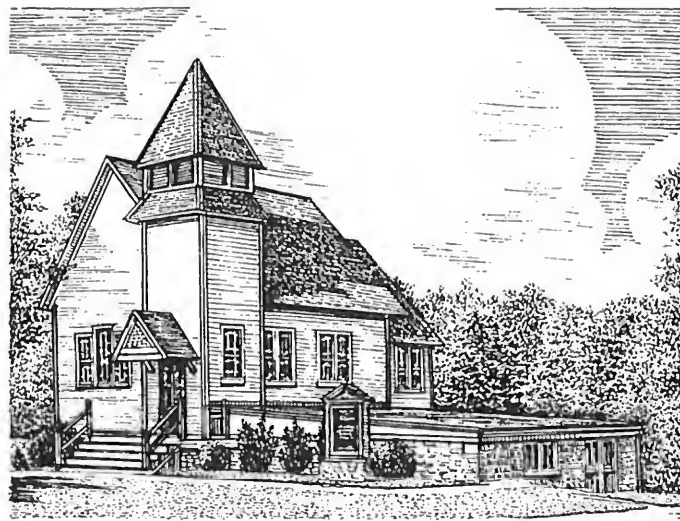
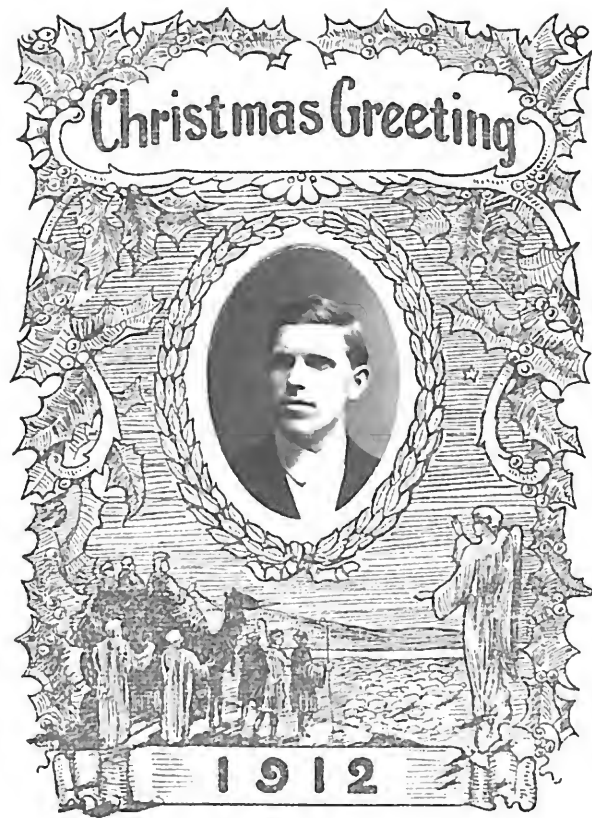
FLANDERS N.J.

The Ladies Aid is here  
to-day at Mrs D. H.  
Hilderbants. Ada.



Hurdtown United Methodist Church Lake Hopatcong, NJ

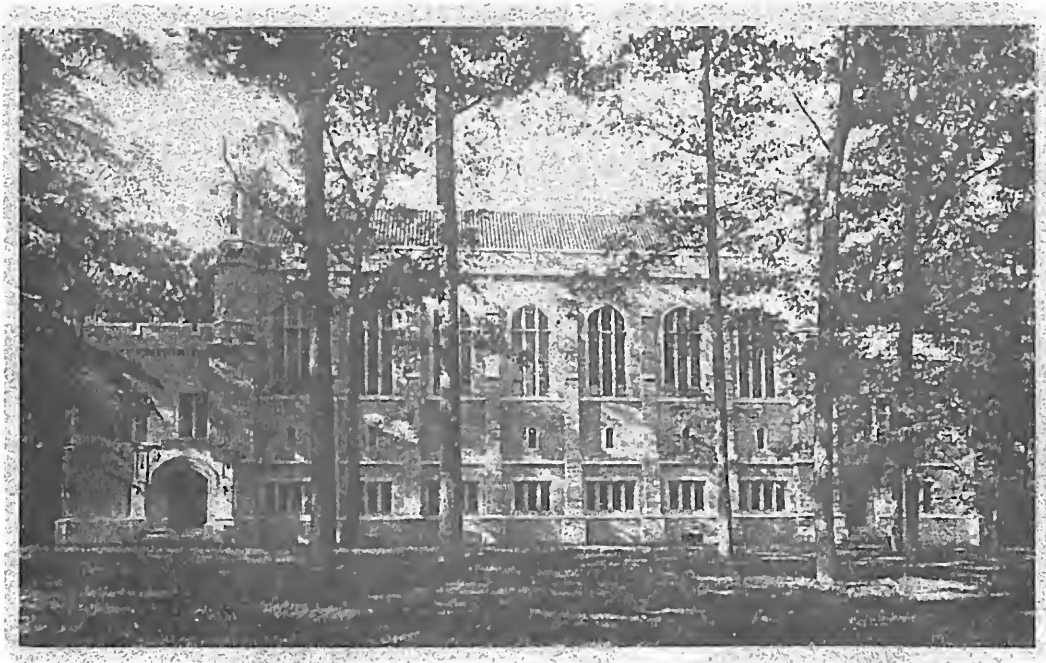




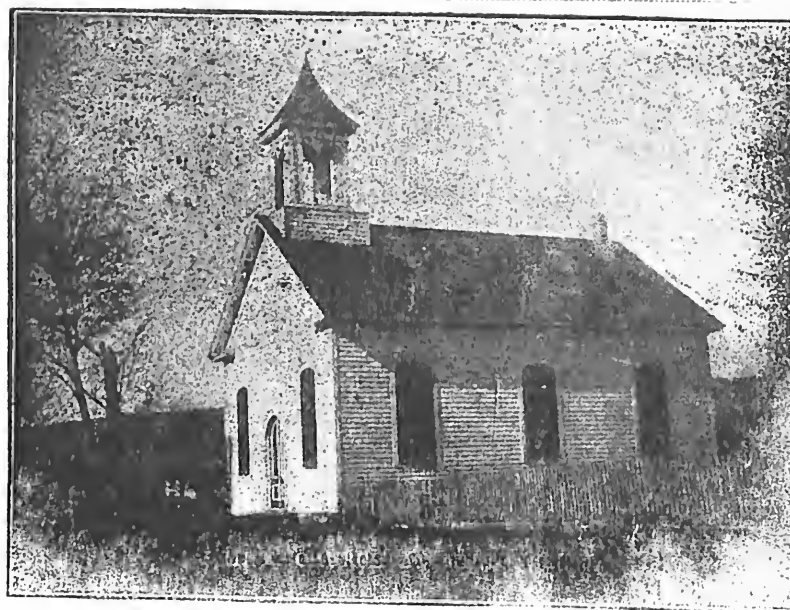
The Methodist Church

Lower Berkshire Valley, New Jersey





METHODIST-  
EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH  
MADISON,  
NJ



M. E. CHURCH AT MILTON, N. J.

Dear little Margaret  
the good ones are fine  
and hear with love  
M. J.

M. E. Church, Montville, N. J.



METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

GREETINGS FROM  
*MORRISTOWN, N. J.*

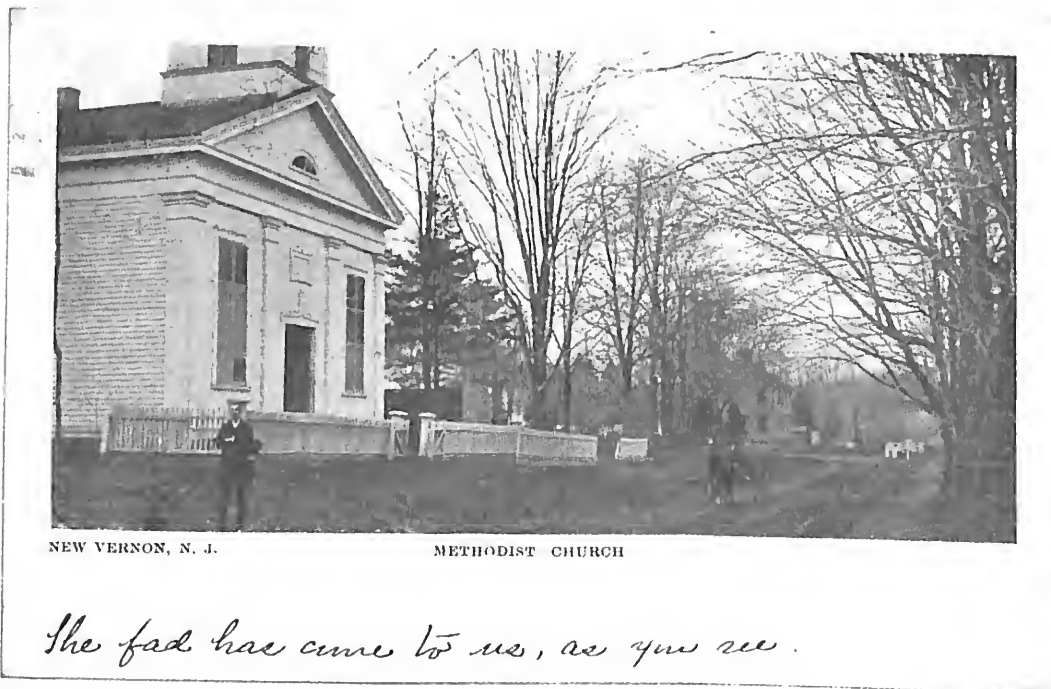
W. K. MURKIN  
STATIONER

Methodist Episcopal Church. Mt. Freedom, N. J.



The Tabernacle, Mt. Tabor, N. J.

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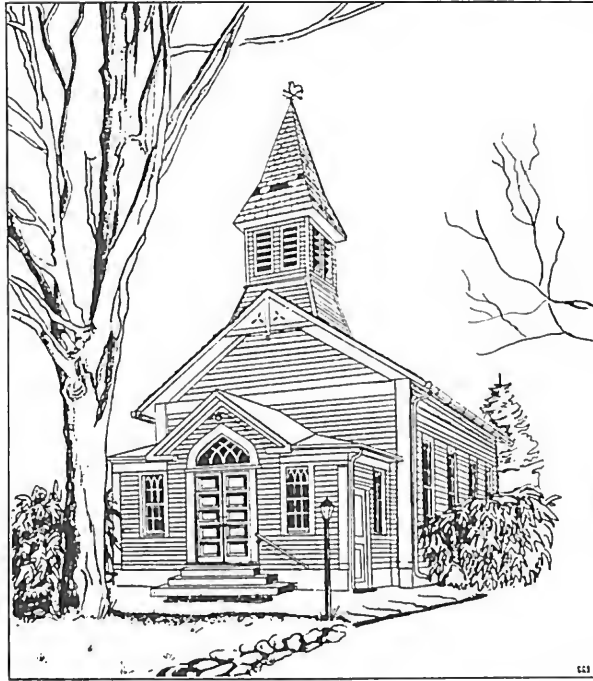


*M. E. Church and Parsonage, Pine Brook, N. J.*





Rockaway Valley  
United Methodist Church





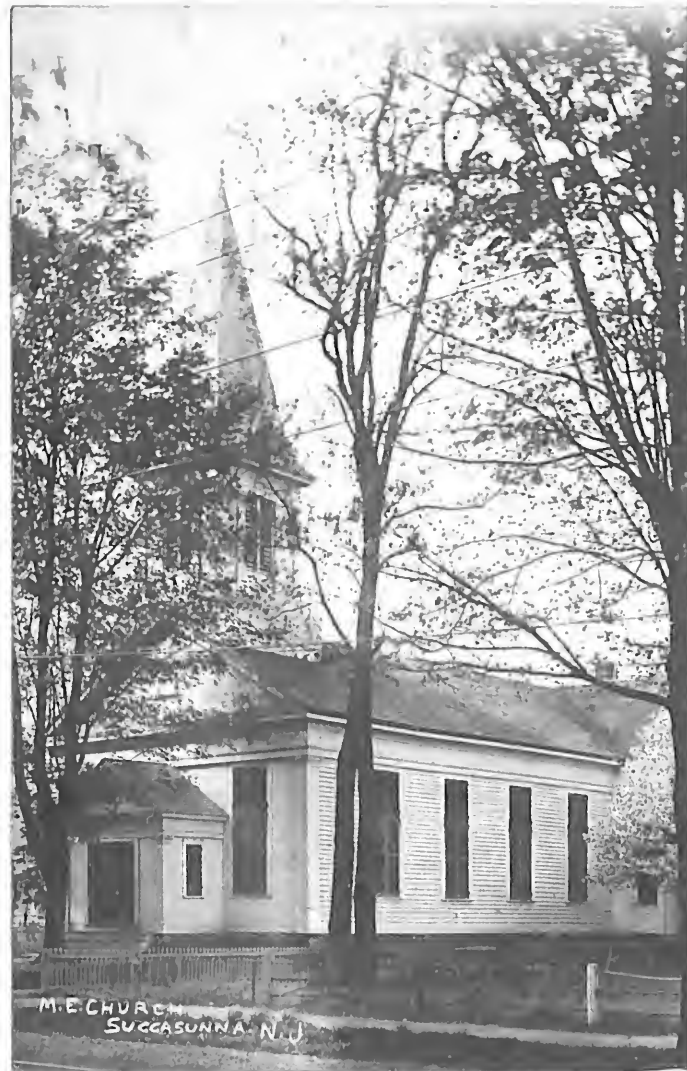
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METHODIST CHURCH, ROCKAWAY, N. J.



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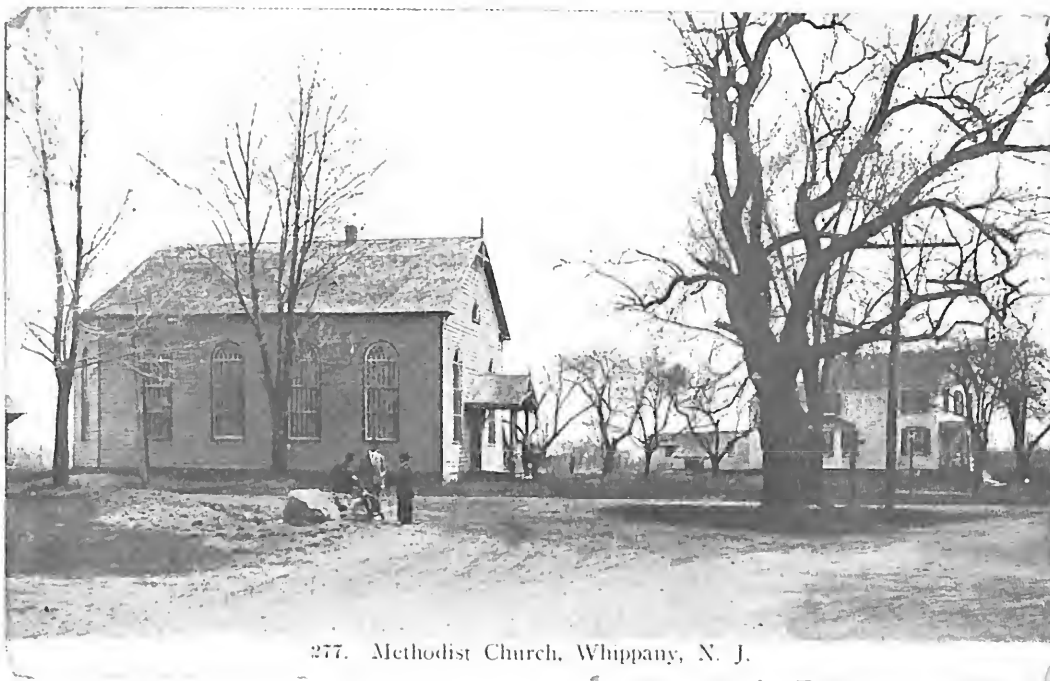






8-45 a.m. Nov 3-05

G.B.P.



277. Methodist Church, Whippany, N. J.

## UNION COUNTY

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Berkeley Heights	x	—	—	Rahway			
Cranford	x	l	42	First	x	h,l	46
Elizabeth				Trinity	x	l	47
Epworth	x	v	43	Roselle	x	—	—
El Redentor (Park)	x	—	—	Roselle Park	x	o,v	52
St. James	x	v	43	Scotch Plains	x	—	—
Kenilworth	x	—	—	Springfield	x	v	47
Linden	x	l	44	Summit			
New Providence	x	—	—	First	x	g	48
Plainfield				Oakes	—	n	49
First	x	n	45	Union	x	l	49
Monroe Ave.*	—	v	45	Union Village	x	—	—
				Westfield	x	o,v	50-51

- \* — now South Plainfield, Wesley  
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EPWORTH M. E. CHURCH, ELIZABETH, N. J.



ST. JAMES METHODIST CHURCH, ELIZABETH, N. J.



The Monroe Ave. M. E. Church, Plainfield, N. J.









Trinity Church, Rahway, N. J.



Methodist Church, Springfield, N. J.





UNION METHODIST CHURCH

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